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Minutes

Village Board

Tuesday, March 17th, 2026, at 5:30 pm
Village Board Room, 30 S. 1st St., Winneconne

Call to Order

Meeting called to order 5:31pm.

Roll Call: Olson (present), Bouras (present), Stelzner (present), Janikowski (present), Krings (present), Miller (present), Boucher (present)

Also present were Administrator Fuller and Attorney Chad Wade.

Pledge of Allegiance said in unison.

Regular Business

Motion by Olson, Second by Bouras to approve consent agenda and payment of bills:

- February 28, 2026, Treasurer's Report/Budget Comparisons
- February 2026, Check Register

Motion passes by voice vote: Bouras (aye), Stelzner (aye), Janikowski (aye), Krings (aye), Miller (aye), Olson (aye), Boucher (aye) 7-0-0

Motion by Miller, Second by Bouras to approve February 17th, 2026 Village Board meeting minutes

Motion passes by voice vote 7-0-0

Communications

President Boucher presented a proclamation recognizing the achievements of the Winneconne High School Football State Championship team.

President Boucher and Trustee Krings presented a proclamation recognizing the achievements of the Winneconne High School Fishing State Championship team.

Public Participation

Cynthia Otten - 516 Prospect, Winneconne

Ms. Otten provided an update on her candidacy for the school board, noting that she has worked as an accountant for 30 years. She is also an active volunteer at St. Mary's and serves as a coach for Girls on the Run. She expressed a strong desire to make a positive impact in the community. She emphasized that her professional background in accounting positions her well to offer guidance on financial matters. Additionally, she highlighted the importance of ensuring students achieve academic success and reach expected benchmarks. She also commented on the State Department of Education, noting the challenges associated with standardized testing.

Kari Flagg – 8437 County Road T, Larsen

Mrs. Flagg is a military spouse and mother of two who is running for the school board. She emphasized her commitment to providing a strong voice for families and the broader community, as well as promoting financial responsibility. She highlighted the importance of

involving parents and community members in decision-making processes, noting that their input offers valuable support and insight. She also expressed a desire to ensure that the district's budget aligns with both financial priorities and community goals. Additionally, she underscored the importance of transparency within the school board, advocating for open communication and continued support for educators.

Administrator's Report

Business Update

- The Administrator met with GOEDC and continues discussion on economic development strategies.
- He also noted that he plans to have an initial draft strategy to Planning Commission by their next meeting and hopes to provide a high-level of that strategy to the Board by the next meeting.
- Future use maps and other areas of economic development are still being looked at for Village owned property.

Operations Update

- Administrator Fuller shared that he is working on a consolidated book of all policies and SOPs.
- Administrator Fuller gave thanks to the Public Works department for working through the record-breaking snowstorm with efficiency.

Key Meetings & Events

- Legislative updates were provided to Senator Johnson, as well as State representatives and senators. The intent is to provide legislators with relevant community updates and ensure they remain informed about new developments within the Village.
 - Received feedback from Senator Rachael Cabral-Guevara.
- The Administrator attended the Spring Convention for City/Village Managers and Administrators.
- The Board Workshop is tentatively scheduled for May 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Administrator requested that Board members confirm their availability. A brief overview of the workshop agenda was also provided.
- The Administrator will attend the GOEDC meeting on Thursday and also briefly mentioned the County Industrial Board's recent grant award.

Finance Update

- Treasurer Schoenberger reported that the auditors were onsite at Village Hall on February 16th and 17th, and that the audit is expected to be finalized within the next few weeks. Preliminary results indicate a 57% general fund balance, compared to the 35% benchmark considered the gold standard. He noted that recommendations regarding potential use of funds will be provided upon completion of the audit.
 - Administrator Fuller expressed appreciation to department heads for their efforts and collaboration in completing the audit in a timely and efficient manner, and extended special recognition to Treasurer Schoenberger for his leadership throughout the process.

President Boucher had requested that Board members provide input on communication improvements. Discussion occurred regarding the difference in opinions of what clear

communication looks like. To enhance communication, President Boucher indicated that he will include a standing agenda item for sharing updates and addressing Board questions. Additionally, Administrator Fuller provided a brief overview of the economic development process related to land transactions, noting that while he cannot directly facilitate sales, he can help connect developers with interested landowners.

Trustee Bouras inquired about a survey he proposed approximately two years ago. President Boucher explained that the survey did not advance to the Board because the committees did not approve the questions.

Committee Reports

Beautification – Trustee Stelzner stated the group met last week Thursday and reviewed their committee structure ordinance to see if having non-Village residents would be appropriate for the committee. The group also discussed spring projects, possible murals, and highway cleanup.

Cemetery – Per Trustee Krings, the Cemetery Board did not meet.

Fire District – Fire Chief Allcox gave an update regarding the training center project on County Road D, noting he made contact with the building inspector to have an inspection done. There are currently two first responders and three new fire fighters in class.

Historic Preservation – Per Trustee Miller, the Historic Preservation Committee did not meet.

Library – Per Trustee Janikowski, the group met and discussed changes to their HOOPLA subscription, which allows for a certain amount of online views per user; the subscription had to be slightly decreased due to financial considerations, as the per month cap was not sustainable.

Parks – Parks met and discussed the new playground equipment, options for surface (turf, etc.) and possible themes of the new playground area. The beach house is still on schedule to be demolished; organizations that annually use the park have gotten letters regarding how some offerings will be different this year. The group also discussed the proposed landscaping projects.

Personnel & Finance – The group met and discussed the Marble Park allocation of unused funds, the salary increase process for Village Board trustees, and reviewed the budget and audit findings.

Plan Commission – The group did not meet.

Public Safety – Chief Sauriol reported that the weekend went well, noting compliance with the emergency snow parking ban. He provided an update on spring related ordinances and stated that the department has been taking a reasonable approach to sidewalk snow removal due to the significant snowfall. He also commended the new Public Works team for their performance.

Public Works – Director Mankiewicz provided an update on operations during the snowstorm; President Boucher noted praise for the team, stating they appeared to be working well together and were ready for the challenge. He also addressed the bids to be returned shortly on the 2026 road projects.

SWEMS – Per Trustee Bouras, the group did not meet. The ambulance is in new building, however the living quarters are not done yet. In talking to first responders, their opinion is

that the new structure is working well. Per Chief Allcox, no issues on his side. Trustee Miller inquired about mutual aid, Chief Allcox shared they have supported one call so far.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Motion by Janikowski, Second by Olson to utilize unused forecasted 2026 allocation due to Marble Park beach closure for Marble Park landscape refresh

Motion passes by voice vote: Bouras (aye), Stelzner (no), Janikowski (aye), Krings (aye), Miller (aye), Olson (aye), Boucher (aye) 6-1-0

Administrator Fuller clarified that the funds allocated for wages and operations of the beach house are already included in the 2025 budget and do not represent excess funds. He highlighted key benefits of the project, including the opportunity to complete the work while the beach is closed for renovation. Director Mankiewicz explained that the project originated from the donation of the new beach house and noted that current conditions—specifically low water levels and beach closure—create a unique opportunity that may not arise again. He added that while other enhancements, such as geese deterrents or inflatables, can be implemented at any time, this landscaping project is time-sensitive. He reviewed the design, including the rock wall, project timeline, and the estimated cost of approximately \$19,000. He also noted that the improvements could encourage visitors to spend more time in the park beyond swimming.

Trustee Krings referenced prior Parks Committee discussions, expressing concern that a future parking lot phase could impact the landscaped area. Director Mankiewicz responded that adjustments to the driveway and parking layout could be made to avoid interference.

Administrator Fuller added that approval of the project would allow for expanded use of the park and noted that the Board may consider additional enhancements once more information on the general fund balance is available. He further stated that the Village has improved its financial position since 2023 and that the fund balance is now stable. Director Mankiewicz also addressed safety concerns regarding the rock wall, stating that its design would discourage climbing or jumping and that appropriate signage would be installed.

There was a suggestion made to install temporary signage during the detour period to inform passersby of upcoming improvements and prevent misconceptions about the park.

Motion by Bouras, Second by Krings to approve ORD-2026-002, amendment to Chapter 158. Village Board § 158-13. Salaries, to increase Village Board salaries: Trustee salary of \$2,150 and Village President salary of \$2,900

Motion passes by roll call vote: Bouras (aye), Stelzner (no), Janikowski (no), Krings (aye) Miller (aye), Olson (aye), Boucher (aye) 5-2-0

The Board has not adjusted compensation since November 2014.

Attorney Wade referenced the State Code of Ethics, noting that approving such changes constitutes a “use of office” and cannot be done for personal financial gain. While the Board may approve a change, it would not apply to current Board members or those soon to be newly elected; instead, any changes would take effect for members elected in Spring 2027.

Trustee Olson inquired about including an inflationary adjustment clause within the ordinance; however, it was noted that any increases must be individually approved by the Board, and such language cannot be incorporated. Treasurer Schoenberger added that the last increase was \$250 in 2014. The PFC recommended a \$400 increase.

Motion by Olson, Second by Janikowski to approve operator's licenses for the following applicant: Jamie Dunham

Motion passes by voice vote 7-0-0

Motion by Olson, Second by Bouras to move into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, or performance evaluation data of public employees

• Update on personnel performance

Motion passes by voice vote: Bouras (aye), Stelzner (aye), Janikowski (aye), Krings (aye), Miller (aye), Olson (aye), Boucher (aye) 7-0-0

Motion by Bouras, Second by Olson to move into open session

Motion passes by voice vote 7-0-0

Confirm next meeting

Tuesday, April 21st, 2026, 5:30 pm – Village Hall Board Room

Adjourn

Motion by Bouras, Second by Olson to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passes by voice vote 7-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.